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(C) Emboffs delivered the reftel message on December 17 to Brazilian Ministry for External Relations (MRE) Director for Disarmament and Sensitive Technologies Santiago Mourao. Mourao said that Brazil welcomed U.S. support for a subsidiary body focusing on security assurances which are an important part of the agenda for Non-Nuclear Weapons States. He referred to the idea of a subsidiary body on Article X as "more complicated." According to Mourao, because of the importance of the NPT, exit from the Treaty should be made "more costly" without denying the right to exit altogether. He has seen several ideas of ways to raise the cost of exiting, but considers most of these impractical. Mourao said that Brazil will use the time leading up to the Revcon to "take stock" of the ideas for Article X, but reaching agreement on a way forward would not be easy.

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